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**From:** Li, Corine  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 2:01:48 AM  
**Subject:** RE: DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

Sarah –

I just got off the phone with Navajo Nation regarding Montezuma Creek and Aneth and confirmed the “green” light to get water to those communities. NTUA has shut down their wells and planned to fill their storage tanks tomorrow. They, however, are in need of added hauling water trucks to provide a continuous supply of hauled water. Our ERT will be working to assist them. Navajo Nation EPA did not think that the community of Mexican Hat and Halicito (served by Mexican Hat water system) are in need of water. They are getting hauled water from another source.

**From:** Bahrman, Sarah  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 4:47 PM  
**To:** Li, Corine  
**Cc:** Lee, Bessie; Allen, HarryL  
**Subject:** RE: DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

Hi Corine –

Could you please confirm details of the Navajo systems once you have more info available? Names of systems shut down, reason for shut down, anticipated days supply (if any), and any other relevant info would be helpful. We’re getting a ton of questions in to Region 8 since this was reported as UT systems.

Also, UDEQ would like a contact for Navajo EPA or NTUA that they can work with to coordinate on the ground. Corine – I know you were working on that. Any info would be great.

Thanks!

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**From:** Li, Corine

**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 2:02 PM

**To:** Bahrman, Sarah; Atkins, Blake; McComb, Martin; Sandoval, Joni

**Cc:** Allen, HarryL; Lee, Bessie

**Subject:** RE: DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

Bessie Lee is heading out to Navajo today for programmatic work and will now be working with Yolanda Barney, Navajo Nation Drinking Water Program Administrator, to coordinate on dw related tasks. I will ask Yolanda who on her staff she would like to designate as the POC for working with UT DEQ.

**From:** Bahrman, Sarah

**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 12:55 PM

**To:** Li, Corine; Atkins, Blake; McComb, Martin; Sandoval, Joni

**Cc:** Allen, HarryL; Lee, Bessie

**Subject:** RE: DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

Thanks, Corine. Do you have a local POC working with Navajo that I can put UT DEQ in touch with to help coordinate? I have a list of about 15 contacts in UT I can forward, but have been getting most DW info from Ying Ying Macauley [ymacauley@utah.gov](mailto:ymacauley@utah.gov) and Doug Wong [dwong@utah.gov](mailto:dwong@utah.gov). They have also been coordinating with Steven Austin of Navajo Nation.

Thanks

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**From:** Li, Corine

**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 1:36 PM

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**Cc:** Allen, HarryL; Lee, Bessie

**Subject:** RE: DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

On the 9:30 HQ/joint regions call today, I confirmed with the water SME from Region 6 (Andrea?) that Farmington continues to have adequate storage (45 days) to meet the demand of its customers since shutdown of its intakes.

Mexican Hat and Halchita:

Mexican Hat had its intakes taken off line prior to spill due to high turbid waters in the San Juan. Residents are receiving hauled water from an adjacent gw system, Olijato water system, located 35 miles southwest of Mexican Hat. The offering of hauled water for Halchita would likely be an extension of the water from the Olijato water system. Region 9 contractors are working with NNEPA to identify potential sampling sites (public, domestic). I'll let NNEPA know that Halchita is in need of water and have them work with Danny Fleming.

**From:** Bahrman, Sarah

**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 11:29 AM

**To:** Atkins, Blake; Li, Corine; McComb, Martin; Sandoval, Joni

**Subject:** DW info - NM, Navajo, and UT

**Importance:** High

Hi all –

I'm hoping to coordinate on the status of the various impacted DW systems along the Animas and San Juan Rivers. Marty & Joni – can you forward to EOCs in R6 and R9 who are coordinating the response? (I'm copying DW contacts here).

Region 6/Blake – I know you're working with NM on Aztec and Farmington, and there are efforts underway for private well owners to get their water tested as well. Do you have an update on how many days supply of finished water Aztec and Farmington have? When will they need to start using the Animas again?

Region 9/Corine - I heard from Don Hoffheins at the BLM (435-459-9461, [dhoffhei@blm.gov](mailto:dhoffhei@blm.gov)) that the town of Halchita on the Navajo reservation is requesting a water trailer as they have had a line break and are limited on water anyway. Wanted to make sure you were aware of that request and coordinating as needed with Don.

Region 9/Corine - Danny Fleming, the water master at Mexican Hat, UT, would also like to know what advice is being given to Halchita. Mexican Hat is across the river and is a ground water system with a membrane treatment plant. He offered to help provide water hauling assistance to Halchita residents if requested. Danny also has his own HACH kit and can do some monitoring. He'll measure metals, pH, and conductivity and compare to historical well data.

Please let me know what info I can relay back to Danny and UT this afternoon.

Thanks!  
Sarah

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